

### **REMARKS**

Independent claims 1 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Cripps et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,061,540. These claims have been amended and are now believed to be allowable in view of the prior art of record. As the remainder of the claims depend from either claim 1 or claim 12, all claims are believed to be allowable based on the following discussion.

Cripps et al. recites an article over which a molding is to be made, which includes an element (strip 10) having a top surface and a bottom surface. Hooks (16) extend from the bottom surface of the element, and a magnetically attractable material is fixed to the element. However, the ledges of the Cripps et al. element are not made of such a material that, when the element is placed on a cavity delimited by vertical walls, with the hooks inside the walls, they follow the shape of the top surface of the vertical walls.

As one can see, for example, in Fig. 4 of Cripps et al., there is no contact between the top surface of the walls delimiting the trough 32 and the ledges of the element, so that they do not follow the shape of the top surface. As a result, the foam can enter into the cavity easily and Cripps et al. needs to provide for supplementary lips 18 to block the passage of the foam toward the hooks.

In the present invention, because of the relatively flexible nature of the ledges, they rest on the top surface of the vertical wall and follow its undulation (see Fig. 3), and such provides sufficient sealing against the penetration of the poured foam. This system is very efficient and streamlined compared to the prior art.

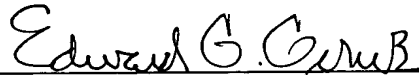
Accordingly, the prior art of record does not suggest that which now appears in amended claims 1 and 12, and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 should be withdrawn. As the remainder of the claims include all limitations of claim 1 or claim 12, these claims are also believed to be nonobvious in light of the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and discussion, the Applicant believes that claims 1-8, and 12-18 are in condition for allowance and

reconsideration and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any further issues remain after this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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